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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Organization

SUBJECT: Assignment of Senior NPIC Representative to the National Reconnaissance Organization Staff

1. At the request of Dr. Scoville, Deputy Director/Research, discussions were held between representatives of NPIC, Technical Plans and Development Staff, and Colonel Martin, National Reconnaissance Organization staff, relative to the assignment of an NPIC senior technical representative to the NRO staff as a full-time member. This initial meeting was followed by a series of talks between NPIC and NRO members for the purpose of defining the intended activities and responsibilities involved.

2. The opportunity for NPIC representation is regarded as a means by which NPIC's requirements and operating policy can be presented on a daily basis to the NRO in order to insure the means for the most efficient intelligence exploitation of photographic products from satellite reconnaissance photography through proper coordination of programs in their planning stages. In spite of NPIC's extremely limited number of properly qualified senior technical personnel, the potential benefits to be gained by both NPIC and NRO through this assignment are of such significance as to warrant the nomination of the Chief, Technical Development Branch, Technical Plans and Development Staff [redacted] His absence from NPIC for the period of [redacted] will be a handicap to our technical development program. I believe, however, that the common benefits which will accrue through this coordination assignment will more than offset NPIC's temporary loss of a skilled and talented employee.

[redacted] The position [redacted] only constraint

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to his advancement to this grade is fulfillment of the minimum Agency time-in-grade requirements. Present planning would indicate that, for the best interests of NPIC [redacted] his tour of duty with NRO be on the order of one year [redacted] arrangements are considered mutually advantageous at the end of his first three [redacted] of NRO duty. NPIC would hope to have a qualified replacement for [redacted] following his tour of one year. Annual tours will [redacted] sentatives to maintain their career positions with their parent organization and also will provide the best technical representation to NRO through the assignment of personnel who are current in their knowledge of NPIC's exploitation plans, programs and operations.

4. Until NPIC can assign an acting replacement for [redacted] it is desired that he perform his NRO activities in a lim[redacted] This is necessary in order to insure that NPIC's develop[redacted] does not lag. As soon as a replacement is available [redacted] be assigned to NRO on a full-time basis. This shou[redacted] next two months. It is desirable that a measure of [redacted] liaison functions be continued during his full tour [redacted] to insure that adequate technical information, within security restrictions, is given to properly accredited NPIC personnel for planning purposes.

ARTHUR C. LUNDAHL
Director

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